Vehicular traffic around India Gate and Connaught Place

340. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for stopping vehicular traffic around India Gate and Connaught Place, and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) In order to reduce the intensity of Congestion to ensure better accessibility through efficient and safe circulation of traffic, to enhance environmental and safety aspects of the area and to impose a certain degree of minimum discipline among various road users, a new traffic circulation scheme for Connaught Place area was introduced in June last year.

The traffic circulation plan on Conanught place has made Radial Roads leading to Connaught Place as one way traffic system. Radial Road Nos. 2, 3, 5 & 7 are outbound and Road Nos. 4, 6, 8 are inbound. Earlier 2, 4, 6 & 8 were two way stretch and this used to create congestion at their junctions with the outer circle.

The traffic police also experimented with a new one-way circulation plan for traffic around the India Gate area. During the experiment the radials leading from the 'C' Hexagon to the inner rotary and the inner rotary itself, was kept closed and the traffic was made to move in 'one-way' in a clock-wise direction. This pattern of circulation was initially maintained during the peak hours of 8 to 11 A.M. and the evening peak hours of 4 to 8.30 P.M. and has now been extended from 8.00 A. M. to 9.00 P.M. every day.

Reduction in strength of work-force in Hindustan Shipyard

341. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce the strength of the Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL);

(b) if so, what is the number of workforce proposed to be reduced out of the total workforce and the reasons therefor;

(c) the categories of the workforce likely to suffer as a consequence thereof; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to rehabilitate the affected workforce?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) So far Hindustan Shipyard Limited have relieved 801 employees under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme—85 belonging to the category of officers, 232 of staff and 484 of workmen. The main reason for reduction in the strength is the lack of orders for the main activity of the Shipyard, namely, Shipbuilding and the acute cash flow position. The question of any category of workforce suffering and their consequential rehabilitation does not arise as the reduction is under an established Voluntary Retirement Scheme wherein admissible compentation is paid to the retiring staff.

Revision of bus fares

342. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have revised fare of buses charging flat fare of Rs. 1.50 in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of this revision and the effective date therefor;

(c) whether this revision has duly been published to the commuters of Delhi;

(d) whether it is a fact that the staff in these buses has been charging Rs. 2 as flat fare without any revision;

(e) whether Government propose to take any further action to educate commuters in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. (b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) No such incidents have come to the notice of the Government.

(e) and (f) In view of answer to (d) above, no action is proposed by the Government.

Display of fare chart in buses under State Transport Authority

343. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to ensure display of fare chart by operators of buses under S.T.A. permits near entry gate;

(b) whether it is a fact that lack of such display is leading to charging of excess fare by the staff of buses under S.T.A. from commuters by calculating the fare in their own way;

(c) whether Government propose to make this display within some time bound schedule; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) As per, terms and conditions of Stage Carriage Permits, the Permit Holder is required to display the fare table outside the vehicle near the entrance and inside the vehicle both near the entrance and exit.

(b) The Delhi Administration have received some complaints of over-charging. During the period 1-1-1991 to 31-12-1991 warnings to ten private operators have been isued on receipt of complaints of over-charging.

(c) and (d) Necessary instructions for immediate implementation of the condition regarding display of fare charts by operators of buses under STA permits are being issued by the Delhi Administration.

Green Line Express Service as a last trip

344. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Green Line Express Service has been introduced as a last trip during night on many of the routes of D.T.C.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether introduction of Green Line Express as a last trip has affected the holders of all route general passes forcing them to pay Rs. 4 to reach their homes at night;

(d) whether Government propose to drop Green Line Service as a last trip on all routes of DTC; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

(d) and (e) All trips inclusive of last trip on exclusive Green Line Express routes are rendered by Green Line Express buses. It would not be in the interest of DTC to drop Green Line Service on the last trip of exclusive Green Line routes.

Maintenance of DTC terminals

345. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether D.T.C. has constructed terminals at various places in Delhi;

(b) if so, the locations thereof together with the details of the facilities available at these terminals;